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### Edwin A. Parrott Collection, 1837-1912 (bulk 1859-1896): Finding Aid

#### Summary Information

<b>Call number:</b>	C1154
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<b>Size:</b>	.20 linear feet (1 half-size archival box)
<b>Language(s) of material:</b>	English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Consists of correspondence, manuscripts, and documents by and about Edwin A. Parrott, who represented Ohio in the House of Representatives in 1863.

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## Biography of Edwin A. Parrott

Edwin Augustus Parrott was the son of Thomas Parrott, a merchant from Dayton, Ohio. He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the First Ohio Regiment in August 1861 and resigned in February 1864. He was an elected member of the House of Representatives in 1863. Parrott was also the president of the Dayton Malleable Iron Works Company.

## Description

The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, certificates, and newspaper clippings of Edwin A. Parrott. The correspondence is chiefly with governors or ex-governors of Ohio, or with military officials, dealing with Parrott's appointment as Lieutenant Colonel of the First Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. Correspondents include C. P. Buckingham, Ohio governor Thomas Corwin, Ohio governor William Dennison, Jr., Alexander McCook, Ohio district attorney Robert Cumming Schenck, John Sherman, Henry Stanberry, secretary of war Edwin McMasters Stanton, and Ohio governor David Tod. Included are a letter by Thomas Parrott to his children (Sarah, Marcus, and Edwin), dated 1837, and a letter from Edwin Parrott to his father relating events from the battlefield during the American Civil War. There is an address by the women of Dayton, Ohio, in which they present Parrott with the American flag in appreciation of his patriotism, and Parrott's acceptance letter for the flag. Also included are several letters of recommendation for Parrott, including one signed by Ohio governor and U.S. president Rutherford B. Hayes, as well as other letters from soldiers in his regiment asking him not to resign. In addition, there is an envelope addressed to Col. Edwin A. Parrott in Princeton, N.J., postmarked 5 January 1912; however, the letter itself is missing.

Among the manuscripts is a speech (45 leaves) given by Parrott during the centennial celebration period of Ohio. In it Parrott recalls the history of Ohio one hundred years earlier, when wealthy individuals came from New Jersey, such as Nicholas Longworth, and laid the foundation for agriculture and industry in the state; other subjects include the abolition of slavery in Ohio, the effect the Miami Canal had on the transportation of manufactured goods, and the building of schools, libraries, hospitals, and railroads. There is a holograph manuscript (5 leaves) titled "Report of Fights at Dog Walk near Lawrenceburg, K.Y., Oct. 1862, in which I commanded." Also included is a draft manuscript (7 leaves) written in pencil about the prohibition of slavery. In addition, there are several membership certificates of organizations to which Parrot belonged and newspaper clippings about him.

## Arrangement

Folders are arranged by form/genre.

## Access and Use

### Access

Collection is open for research use.

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### **Acquisition and Appraisal**

### **Provenance and Acquisition**

Gift of Edwin Parrott's son, Thomas Marc Parrott, in January, 1952.

### **Processing and Other Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Edwin A. Parrott Collection, Box and Folder Number; Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Dina Britain on October 20, 2006. Finding aid written by Dina Britain on May 3, 2007.

### **Encoding**

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Dina Britain on 2007-05-03.

### **Descriptive Rules Used**

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Subject Headings**

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Ohio -- Militia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.

- United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1864)
- Slavery -- Ohio -- 19th century.
- Dayton (Ohio) - Centennial celebrations, etc.
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives.
- Correspondence -- 19th century.
- Manuscripts, American -- 19th century.
- Speeches -- 19th century.
- American history/Civil War and Reconstruction
- American politics and government